

PATENT APPLICATION

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2855**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yutaka YAMAGATA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2855

Application No.: 10/566,355

Examiner: O. DAVIS

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For: MECHANOCHEMICAL SENSOR

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Claims 1-15 are pending. In reply to the May 12, 2009 Office Action and in consideration of the August 18, 2009 telephone interview, with the period for response extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, reconsideration of the rejections is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Applicants appreciate the courtesies shown to Applicants' representative by Examiner Davis during the August 18, 2009 telephone interview. Applicants' separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 2 and 4-15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,935,165 (Bashir) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,478,093 (Valadier). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.